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A collection of photographs published by the Heart Butte Bilingual Program depicts student life in Heart Butte on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in northern Montana. Each photograph is captioned both in first-grade English and in Blackfeet. Included are Photographs of the community center, a general store, a church, the Heart Butte school, a school social gathering, a band, dancing, eating, and play and learning activities. A Blackfeet glossary of words used is appended. (MM)

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KITAAKOHTSITSINIKOOHPOAAWA MAANISTA'PAISSPI
MOISSKITSIPAHPIISTAKI.

I WILL TELL YOU ABOUT THE WAY THINGS ARE AT HEART BUTTE.

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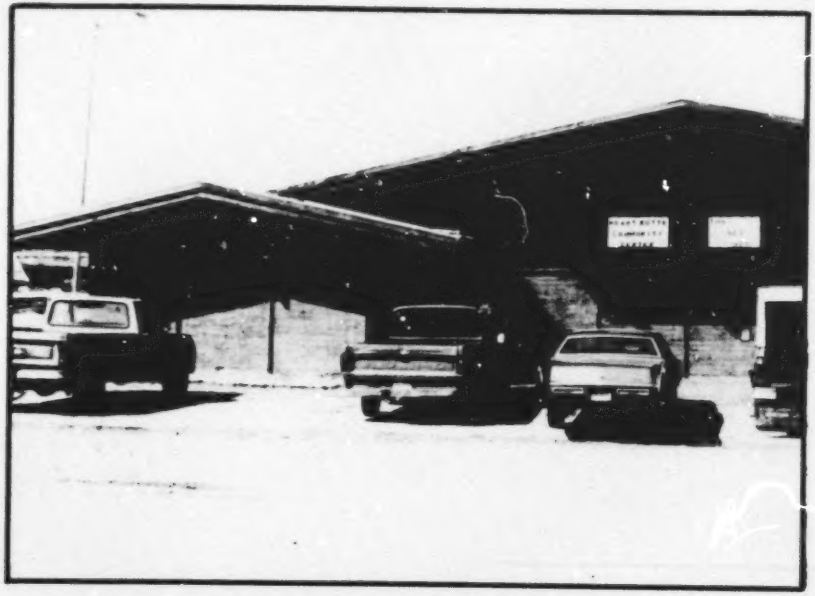
NITAOHKANITAPOOHPINNAANA OMI OMAHKAYAAPIOOYISI.



WE ALL GO TO THE COMMUNITY CENTER.

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NITSITAOHPOMMAAHPINNAANA AMI THOMPSON'S STORE.

WE BUY AT THOMPSON'S STORE.

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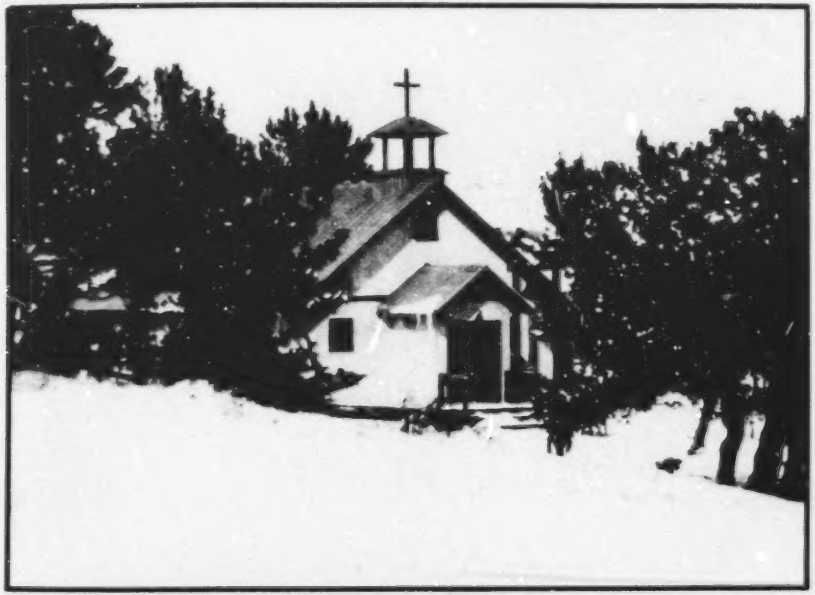
NITSITAOTAATSIMOI'IHKAAHPINNAANA AMI NAATOWA'PIOOYISI.



WE GO TO PRAY AT THE CHURCH.

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ANOO MOISSKITSIPAHPIISTAKI ITAISSKSINIMA'TSTOHKIO'PI
ITO'TSTSIWA MIISTAKIISTSI. IIKI'TAAMIHTSIWA.

HEART BUTTE SCHOOL IS NEAR THE MOUNTAINS. IT IS PRETTY HERE.

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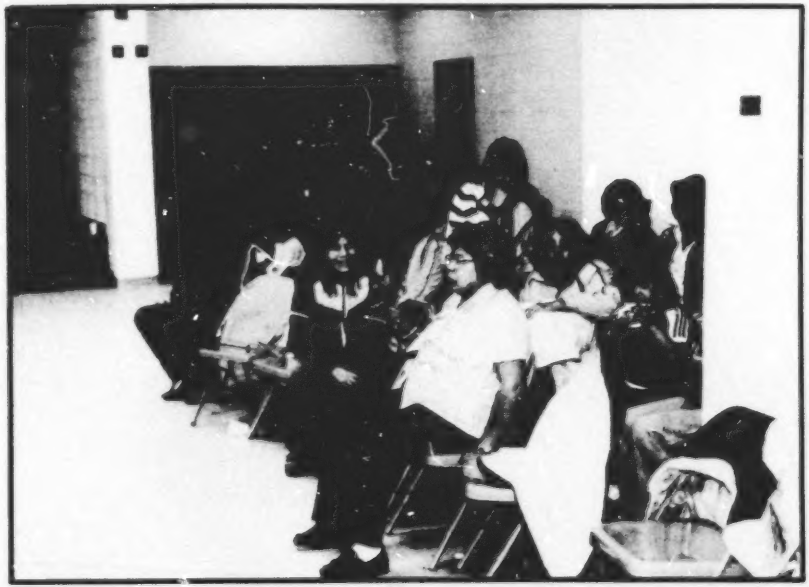
NINNA, KI NIKSISSTA AITAPOOYAAWA AMOYI
AISSKSINIMA'TSOOHKANOOHSINI.



MY MOTHER AND FATHER ARE GOING TO THIS SCHOOL SOCIAL.

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NITAYAAHSISSTSIIYIWATAYAAWA AMOKSI AIPAISSKOHKIIKSI.

I LIKE TO LISTEN TO THE SINGERS IN THE BAND.

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NINAISTAKO AINIHKATOOMA AMOYI IHPIIY'SSINI.

LEONARD MOUNTAIN CHIEF CALLS THIS DANCE,

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KI, MOISSKITSIPAHPIISTAKI AINIHKIIKSI, ITAISTTOKIMAAYAAWA.

THEN THE HEART BUTTE SINGERS DRUM,

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NITSITAOHKANAIHPIIYIHPINNAANA.

AND THEN WE ALL DANCE.

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AI'KSISTA'PIISI, NITSITAOOYIHPINNAANA, KI NITSITAWAAHKAYIHPINNAANA.

WHEN IT IS OVER, WE EAT AND THEN WE GO HOME.

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IIKAI'TAAMA'PIIWA OMI NITSITAISSKSINIMA'TSOOTSSPINNAANA.

IT IS FUN WHERE WE GO TO SCHOOL.

NITAOHPAI'PIYI, KI NITSIIKOHTAYAAHSAWAHKAA OMA POKONA.

I JUMP ROPE, AND I LIKE TO PLAY WITH THAT BALL.

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NITAISSKSINIMA'TSOOKA AMA OMAHKITAPIWA
NAAHKANISTA'PAISTOTAKIHPI NIITOYIISTSI.

THIS ELDER IS TEACHING ME HOW TO MAKE TEEPEES.

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NITAAWAAMISAAATAWA AMO MAMIIWA.

I AM CLIMBING THIS FISH.

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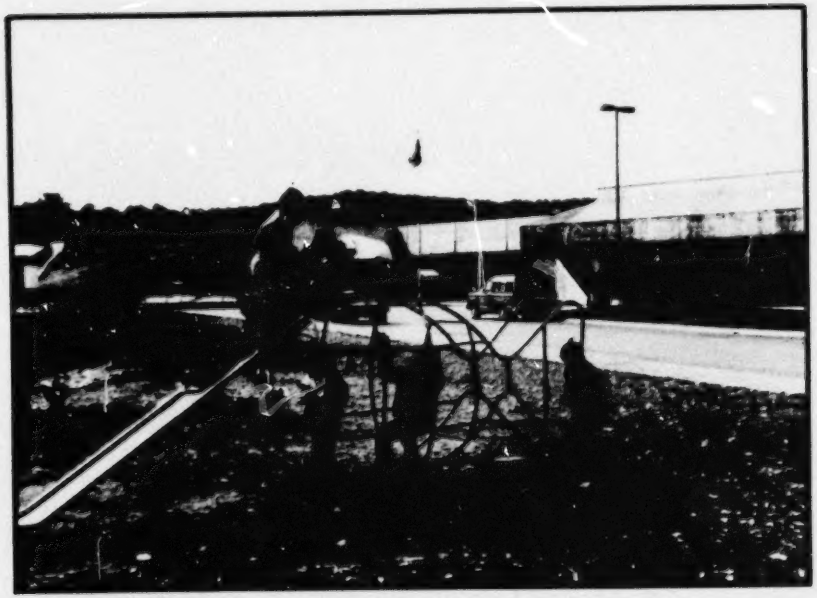
NITAYAAHSINNOISOOTSI'KAA



I LIKE TO SLIDE DOWN.

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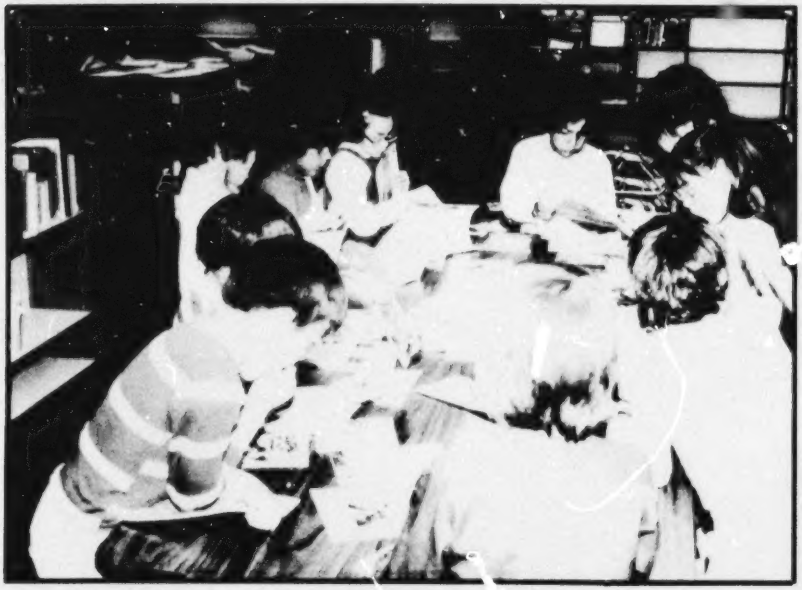
NITAYAAHSOTOO'TAKI SINAAKSSII.



I LIKE TO GO GET BOOKS.

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NITSIIKAYAAHSOKSTAKI SINAAKSSII.

I LIKE TO READ BOOKS.

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BLACKFEET GLOSSARY

AMO	THIS
ITAISSKSINIMA'TSTOHKIO'PI	SCHOOL
MIISTAKI	MOUNTAIN
MAMII	FISH
MOSKITSIPAHPI	HEART
NAATOWA'PIOOYISI	CHURCH
NIKSISSTA	MOTHER
NOOKOOWAYI	MY HOME
-OYI-	EAT
SINAAKSSINI	BOOK

This book of photos is about life in and around Heart Butte School on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation in Montana. Although written at a first grade level, it is of interest to all ages. The Heart Butte Bilingual Program has co-published a number of other books about the Blackfeet including "Famine Winter", "Quest for Courage", "Little B'aze and the Buffalo Jump", "The Loud Mouthed Gun", "Sik-Ki-Mi", and "Natosi: Strong Medicine". These books are available from the Council For Indian Education.

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